

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

1. Amend the paragraph starting on page 3, line 22 as follows:
-- FIGs. 19-22 depict ~~another~~ additional ~~embodiment~~ embodiments of a fastener of the invention;
2. Amend the paragraph starting on page 3, line 23 as follows:
-- FIG. 23 depicts another embodiment of a fastener of the invention with an installation extension; and --
3. Amend the paragraph starting on page 3, line 24 as follows:
-- FIG. 24 depicts the embodiment of the fastener of FIG. 24 ~~23~~ with a protective casing.--
4. Amend the paragraph starting on page 5, lines 11-14 as follows:
-- In one embodiment, as shown in FIGs. 5, 6 and 7, along the edges of the cover 2, straps create loops 10. The loops 10 may be attached to the cover a distance in from the perimeter edge of the cover 2 so that the outer edge of the loop 10 coincides or is no further than the perimeter edge of the cover 2. --
5. Amend the paragraph starting on page 5, lines 17-26 as follows:
-- The loops 10 are also designed for coupling to attachment members for connecting the cover 2 to the support frame F of the booth. These loops 10 can be permanently attached (i.e., grommet, stamped, sewn etc.) or temporarily attached (i.e. snaps on one end of the loop) at different edges of the cover depending on the need for a secure coupling. For example, the vertical edges should be secured so the loop 10 is permanent or not easily removable. For convenience, the loops 10 along the horizontal top edge may be temporarily attached with snaps. Leather or other durable material may be used to form each strap. As an alternative to providing such loops 10, grommets 60, as shown in FIGs. 11 and 12, may be applied to the edges of the cover 2A to serve a purpose of the loops 10. --
6. Amend the paragraph starting on page 6, lines 4-8 as follows:
-- Since the cross bar upon which the hooks 4A or hangers 4C, 4D, 4E are suspended is generally elevated beyond a typical user's reach, there is provided on hangers 4D, 4E an installation extension 40 opposite the hanging portion, as shown in FIGs. 23 and 24, whereby a

user may simply use an application pole or lifting device to easily lift hangers 4D, 4E onto or off of the cross bar without the use of an elevated surface such as a chair. --

7. Amend the paragraph starting on page 6, lines 22-24 as follows:

-- In one embodiment of the invention, for fastening the vertical edges of the cover, a securable fastener 4B is used, as shown in more detail in FIG. 7. Other embodiments of securable fasteners 4B, 20, which are preferably used to fasten the vertical edges of the cover, are shown in FIGs. 11-14, 16 and 18-22. To couple with the fastener 4B, rings 12 are installed in the loops 10. --

8. Amend the paragraph starting on page 7, lines 1-7 as follows:

-- The handle portion 22 promotes easy manipulation of the fastener 4B, 20. It is configured so that it can be comfortably gripped between two fingers while applying or removing the fastener 4B, 20 from the frame. Thus, it angles away from the hooked portion 24, the tightening member 28 and the booth structure when installed. In this regard, the handle portion 22 may be curved as shown in the embodiment of FIG. 7 or as shown in the embodiment embodiments of FIGs. 13-14 and 19-22, or it may be cylindrical with a finger score 22C as shown in FIG. 16. --

9. Amend the paragraph starting on page 7, lines 17-25 as follows:

-- The tightening member 28 serves a securing purpose when tightened by protruding into the frame F reducing the distance between to the hook end 24E and the tightening member 28. The tightening member 28 has threads to match the threads in an aperture of the hooked portion 24. The tightening member 28 is preferably supplied with finger holds of various shapes and configurations for manual application to increase the torque of the user in tightening the threads and/or textured grooves or similar construction to improve grip. Optionally, as shown in FIGs. 13 and 14, the tightening member 28A may be supplied with a tool end such as a hex head, Phillips head or other bolt head for use with an automated device such as a drill with an appropriate tool insert. --

10. Amend the paragraph starting on page 7, lines 28-34 as follows:

-- It is noted that in the designs described herein as illustrated in the drawings, use of the fastener 4B, 20 is not itself lockable but when combined with the cover 2, the fasteners are secure since the design of the fastener is such that it is removable from only one side of the

cover as illustrated in FIGs. 5 and 7. When the handle portion 22 and tightening member 28 are internal to the booth structure and the hook end 24E is external to the booth structure relative to the cover 2, the cover 2 prevents the fastener 4B, 20 from being removed. --

11. Amend the paragraph starting on page 8, lines 6-17 as follows:

-- Optionally, fasteners may be used to secure the bottom edge of the cover as well.

However, if the cover is properly sized and taut across the frame F they are not necessary. To assist in this purpose, an optional adjustment belt 14 is supplied on the cover 2. An adjustment belt 14 is shown in FIGs. 1 and 2 and in greater detail in FIGs. 3 and 4 along the bottom edge of the cover 2. Two separate lengths of the adjustment belt 14 are each fixed on opposing portions of the cover 2. As loose ends of the adjustment belt 14 are drawn together it eliminates excess slack in the cover 2 that may be present because of minor differences between the dimensions of the cover 2 and the space between support structures. The loose ends of the adjustment belt 14 are supplied with grommets 16 for receiving a lock 8. The grommets 16 of the adjustment belt 14 may be positioned proximate to the access opening 6 when included in the invention for locking therewith. --

12. Amend the paragraph starting on page 8, lines 19-34 as follows:

-- In use, the embodiments of the invention discussed herein provide an apparatus that appropriately addresses the problem experienced by tradeshow exhibitors and booth operators. It can also provide some privacy when the exhibitor is setting up an exhibit before or between shows. In order to install, the flexible cover 2 is unfolded. With the hangers 4C, 4D, 4E or hooks 4A at the top horizontal edge of the cover 2 resting on a horizontal cross bar on the booth, the cover 2 is extended across a presentation side of the booth. When fasteners 4B, 20 are not applied to the cover 2 with rivets 50, the The fasteners 4B, 20 are then inserted through rings 12 at the curvature 24C or ring portion of the loops 10 at the side vertical edges of the cover 2. From the inside of the booth, while gripping the handle portion 22 of the fasteners 4B, 20, the hook end 24E is extended to grasp an edge of a channel of a frame F post. The tightening member 28, 28A is then applied to another channel of the post until tight. When all of the fasteners 4B, 20 are so applied to the booth's support posts, the booth is exited through the access opening 6. The access opening 6 is then closed and the adjustment belt 14 is drawn together. Both are then secured by a lock 8. Of course, full presentation access to the booth may be accomplished by removing the lock 8, entering the access opening 6 and removing the fasteners 4B, 20. ---